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Autumn recreation a prime reason to visit Corps' Dworshak

(Orofino, Idaho.) -- Autumn is here and that's a wonderful time to enjoy recreation facilities in beautiful north Idaho at the Dworshak Dam and Reservoir.

These pristine hills, meadows and forests create a mecca for sportsmen who come to fish, camp and hunt on lands managed and operated by the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers.

Fall hunting seasons are under way for big and small game and Dworshak offers excellent access to elk, deer and grouse. Hunting is allowed on all Corps property around the reservoir except in developed recreation areas. Motorized vehicles are allowed on open roadways only.

Late season camping by self-deposit registration has begun at Dent Campground and will continue through Nov. 20, weather permitting. A reduced fee of \$10 per site is in effect. Sites are available on a first come/first served basis only. Amenities available include: boat ramp, rest rooms with hot showers, water, sewer, and electric hook-ups. Loaded weapons are not allowed in the campground or other developed recreation areas. Hunting is not allowed within one-quarter mile of Dent Campground. The rangers at Dworshak are currently looking for volunteer camp hosts to assist in the campground through the end of the camping season. A free camp site is provided and work load is minimal. Contact Mario Guzman at (208) 476-1263 for information.

Fall and winter reservoir levels are planned to stabilize at around elevation 1520 feet above mean sea level. At this level, the boat ramps at Big Eddy, Bruce's Eddy, Dent Campground and Dworshak State Park are open for use. When boating on the reservoir, please use caution because lake levels can change.

The weather may be nice, but the water is cold. Always be aware of the symptoms of hypothermia and wear a U.S. Coast Guard approved personal flotation device. For updated water level and boat ramp information, call (800) 321-3198. For regional reservoir, water level, and flow information, visit the worldwide web page at: <http://www.nww.usace.army.mil>.

Dworshak's visitor center has returned to fall hours, Wed. through Sun., 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. The center offers a variety of interpretive displays and movies about Dworshak and the history of the area, including the popular "Last of the Log Drives." Public tours are available on Tuesdays by reservation. Call Heather Burke at (208) 476-1279 to reserve a group tour.

For more information regarding facilities access and current conditions, check area print and broadcast media outlets for updates from the Corps. Information is also available by

calling, toll-free, at (800) 321-3198, or (208) 476-1261. Travelers on U.S. Hwy. 12 can also get information by tuning their car radios to AM-1610.

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